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Nanking University/Academic Standing

1. In the mid 1930's [redacted] a student at Nanking University [NU] the Chinese government split the chemistry department into two separate departments of pure chemistry and chemical engineering. The chemistry department, [redacted] was better than the chemical engineering department. Each department had five or six full professors, plus about five assistants. Most of the professors had acquired doctors' degrees in the US and based their teaching on US practice. The faculty was supplemented by staff members of the Chinese National Resources Board in Nanking who lectured at NU. The NU chemistry department compared fairly well with other Chinese Universities. It was superior to National Central University [NCU] and Shanghai University, but was inferior to the chemistry departments of Peking, Tsinghua, and Yenching Universities. Although NU and NCU were both located in Nanking, there was practically no exchange of information because of a feeling of rivalry between the two universities. The chemical engineering department of NCU was superior to NU's.

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[redacted] only a small number of the chemistry students who entered NU failed to complete their studies. If a student failed a course, he could repeat it the following year. I believe that students receiving BS degrees in chemistry and chemical engineering at NU in the mid 1930's would compare favorably with BS graduates in the US. A holder of a BS degree could acquire an MS degree in one or two years of graduate work; no doctors' degrees were given.

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Research Field</u>	<u>University</u>
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F H <u>Li</u>	1 - Thermodynamics	" "
K K <u>Chou</u>	2 - Electrochemistry Kinetics	" "
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